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a lower turret supporting a plurality of die tools corresponding to the punch tools, the lower turret having a work sheet outlet positioned inside the lower turret; and

a punch driving mechanism operatively connected to the punch tools driving the punch tools of the upper turret;

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Conclude*  
wherein a small article work sheet is cut off from a material work sheet which has been fed into the turret punch press in the punch processing so that the small article work sheet is located above the work sheet outlet in the lower turret and then is discharged through the work sheet outlet.

2. The turret punch press according to claim 1 wherein a chute connected to the work sheet outlet inside said lower turret supports said lower turret.

3. The turret punch press according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein an opening and closing plate, freely opening and closing, for covering said work sheet outlet, is employed in said lower turret so that an upper surface of the opening and closing plate, when said plate is closed, is approximately even in height with an upper surface of the lower turret.

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**ADD NEW CLAIMS 4-7, AS FOLLOWS:**

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4. A turret punch press comprising:  
a main body frame supporting an upper turret and a lower turret;  
the upper turret supporting a plurality of punch tools;

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the lower turret, positioned below the upper turret, supporting a plurality of die tools corresponding to the punch tools, the lower turret having a work sheet outlet positioned inside the lower turret between a plurality of punch tools and the center of the lower turret; and

a punch driving mechanism operatively connected to the punch tools driving the punch tools of the upper turret;

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Concluded*  
wherein a small article work sheet is cut off from a material work sheet which has been fed into the turret punch press in the punch processing so that the small article work sheet is located above the work sheet outlet in the lower turret and then is discharged through the work sheet outlet.

5. The turret punch press according to claim 4 wherein a chute connected to the work sheet outlet inside said lower turret is employed in the main body frame for supporting said lower turret.

6. The turret punch press according to claim 4 wherein a opening and closing plate, connected to an opening and closing drive source, covers an upper opening of the work sheet outlet.

7. The turret punch press according to claim 6 wherein an upper surface of the opening and closing plate, when said plate is closed, is approximately even in height with an upper surface of the lower turret.